Revision of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act

1880. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Schedule Y of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act is under revision;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the composition of the Members of the Committee; and

(c) the time-frame for submission of their recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Schedule Y of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules lays down the requirements and guidelines on clinical trials for import and manufacture of new drugs. It was incorporated in 1988.

In order to update the requirements under Schedule Y to meet present requirements and keeping in view the potential which the country possesses in the field of clinical research, the Drug Technical Advisory Board agreed to undertake the review of Schedule Y.

The review of this Schedule has been done in consultation with a number of experts including Dr. Nilima Kshirsagar, Dean, KEM Hospital, Mumbai, Dr. B.N. Dhawan, Ex-Director, CDRI, Lucknow, Dr. J.N. Pandey, HOD, Medicine, AIIMS, Dr. R.C. Srimal, Scientist, ITRC, Dr. Y.K. Gupta, Deptt. of Pharmacology, AIIMS, Dr. S.D. Seth, Scientist, ICMR, Dr. Shankar Narayana, Dr. Sudhir Srivastava, CDRI, Lucknow, and Dr. N.K. Ganguly, DG, ICMR.

(c) The recommendations in respect of changes to be made in Schedule Y have been received.

Corruption in Medical Store Depots

1881. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medical store depots under DG, Health have huge expired medicines;

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take for such gross wastage;

(c) whether any enquiry has been initiated in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?